CABLE ADDRESS
"NUMISMA" NEW YORK

TELEPHONE
AUDUBON 6-3030

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
(FOUNDED 1858 · INCORPORATED 1865)
BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH AND 156TH STS.
NEW YORK · N.Y. 10032

December 22, 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
P. O. Box 14020
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

I have at last put together, the memorandum outlining the proposal which you have kindly offered to present to the American Numismatic Association. The actual preparation of the memo served to clarify our thinking on many details of the venture and I am now quite convinced that, should the ANA accept in principal, a mutually beneficial arrangement could be worked out on the editorial level.

Best wishes for the coming year and we shall look forward to seeing you on 6 January should your schedule permit.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie A. Elam
Editor

LAE:RMg
encl.

REORGANIZATION OF NUMISMATIC LITERATURE

AND THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Overview

Numismatic Literature can never seek to record everything published everywhere concerning numismatics. Therefore NL has value only if its scope is realistically defined and the responsibility for completeness is assumed within these self-imposed limits.

Scope of NL

In general NL seeks to include that material which is judged of interest to the international community of serious students using numismatics. Of necessity then, material which would not be represented includes such as those items which are of interest only to persons collecting a specific coinage and those items which are of quite local interest.

Organization of NL

A resolution passed at the plenary session of the International Numismatic Commission at the Copenhagen meeting pledged the support of the members of the Commission for the continued publication of NL as defined above. An international board of Contributing Editors has been organized with each Contributing Editor representing a specific country or other geographical area. It is the responsibility of each Contributing Editor to solicit, collate, edit and forward to the ANS abstracts of all the literature published within the region of his responsibility which he believes should be brought to the attention of the international numismatic community. The ANS acts as a clearing house for this information and assumes the responsibility for its publication. Each Contributing Editor, then, exercises editorial control over the material published in his area, sending on to the ANS only those items which he judges to be within the scope of NL's responsibility.

Problem

It has been pointed out, quite rightly, that this editorial control now exists for all countries except the United States. Thus there is a balanced representation of material published abroad in terms of the scope of NL; yet for the United States there has been an emphasis on the production of a complete record of published items. We are obliged to correct this imbalance.

Proposal

We suggest that the American Numismatic Association consider publishing, in issues of the Numismatist, an abstract bibliography which would be the complete record of items published in the U. S., or perhaps U. S. - Canada. Basically, the ANS would provide the ANA with the author entry cards accumulating to the NL office and all relevant abstracts which are solicited for inclusion in NL. The entry cards are duplicates of the card catalogue entries prepared by the Library of the ANS. The result of this cooperative effort would be to create a situation which now exists in many European countries vis-à-vis Numismatic Literature. That is, a bibliographic record of current literature in numismatics which is national in character and complete for the categories represented, published concurrent with a single international bibliographic record which does not assume to be complete but rather represents a digest of the many national journals.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 27, 1967

Mr. Edward C. Rochette
American Numismatic Association
P.O.Box 2366
Colorado Springs, Colo. 80901

Dear Ed:

An important way in which the American Numismatic Society and the American Numismatic Association can cooperate further is with respect to the Numismatic Literature, a publication of ANS. That publication of ANS is international in scope and contributing editors have been organized for virtually all areas of the world except North America.

In the past there has been an effort to publish a complete bibliography of American numismatic writing rather than one carefully selected for international interest which is the case with all other fields. The plan therefore appeals to me as a sound one for the ANA to take editorical charge of American numismatic items.

As you know, all books and articles published in America are included in the card catalogue of ANS in any event and are therefore available for researchers but Numismatic Literature is not intended to be all inclusive and is devoted to the selection of important contributions of broad appeal.

I had a meeting in New York with Mr. Leslie A. Elsm, of ANS, and this topic was fully discussed. I had previously discussed it with Dr. George Miles, in Copenhagen. Mr.Elsm prepared a two-page memorandum of what is desired and a copy of which is enclosed. Would you be kind enough to put this in the hands of the proper official or committee of ANA so that the matter can be considered. Whoever works

A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION FOR EDUCATION
THROUGH RESEARCH AND EXHIBITION
OF COINS, CURRENCY AND HISTORIC OBJECTS

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

 December 27, 1967

Mr. Edward C. Rochette
American Numismatic Association

on it on behalf of ANA may deal directly with Mr. Elam at ANS. I will be glad to participate in any way I can be helpful since I have been very close to both organizations for many years.

May I hear from you?

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN
stb

CC:
Mr. Arthur Sipe
L021 Bonsall Avenue
Drexel Hill, Penna. 19026

Mr. Leslie A. Elam, Editor
ANS
New York

A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION FOR EDUCATION
THROUGH RESEARCH AND EXHIBITION
OF COINS, CURRENCY AND HISTORIC OBJECTS

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Chartered by Congress

EDWARD C. ROCHETTE

Acting Executive Director

P.O. Box 2366, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO 80901

January 3, 1968

Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

The possibility of cooperation between the American Numismatic Society and the American Numismatic Association with respect to the publication "Numismatic Literature," is indeed a meritorious one, and you can count on my cooperation.

As you realize, a matter like this must be discussed before the Board of Governors, and I will see that it is brought up at the February board meeting, which is only a few weeks away.

You must also realize that before this additional responsibility can be taken on I will need additional help here at the headquarters, but I believe that this is forthcoming with the February meeting.

I mentioned to Faye that I was speaking to you on the phone the other night and with me she sends her best for the New Year.

Sincerely,

EDWARD C. ROCHETTE
Acting Executive Director

ECR/ps

CABLE ADDRESS
"NUMISMA" NEW YORK

TELEPHONE
AUDUBON 6-3030

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
(FOUNDED 1858 • INCORPORATED 1865)
BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH AND 156TH STS.
NEW YORK N.Y. 10032

2 February, 1968

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
P.O. Box 14020
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Mr. Newman,

This is a small thing, quite apart from any discussions with the ANA. You know that I am--for now and to some extent--the US editor for Numismatic Literature as well as the overall editor. And I think you also know that one of the ways we are trying to spread the work of preparing abstracts for NL is to ask each numismatic author to write an abstract of his own work.

Therefore, since I would like to include mention of your article in the November Numismatist on modern day counterfeiting in the next issue of NL, may I ask if you will do me an abstract of it? I enclose an abstract sheet, and the guide for abstracters I am now sending out.

If this is an imposition on your time, please let me know and I will seek an abstract elsewhere.

With all very good wishes, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Most sincerely,

Anne S. Davidson
International Editor
Numismatic Literature

[illegible] REPORTERS

It is [illegible] for an abstract to exceed [illegible] words in length. [illegible], for long and important books, an abstract [illegible] 200 words may be necessary. Longer [illegible] may also be desirable when the full length [illegible] is not readily available, or is in a language [illegible] are not likely to know. The abstract [illegible] written in full sentences rather than [illegible] style and should avoid unnecessary words [illegible] abbreviations. Abstracts should if [illegible] be [illegible] in English but French or German are [illegible]. Abstracts will be published in [illegible]. Titles should be given in the original language, [illegible] bibliographic data, followed if [illegible] by [illegible] translation. Abstracts should be written on one side of a page, typewritten and [illegible].

The purpose of the abstract is to summarize [illegible] which are the [illegible] The abstractor should not, however, [illegible], attempt to evaluate the [illegible] by criticizing the original. If [illegible] information is necessary, it should [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] commonly [illegible].

NEWMAN, ERIC P. Lessons in Modern Day Counterfeiting. In:

The Numismatist, Vol. 80, No. 11 (Nov., 1967), pp. 1379-1388,

illus. (Originally ~~an~~ A discourse ~~given as a talk~~ at the International Numismatic Congress, Copenhagen on August, 1967). A discussion of the modern ~~methods~~ menace used for ~~producing~~ false dies for coins. The ~~difficulties and dangers~~ of detection of forgeries made by such methods is explained also discussed.